GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:114
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR DISABLED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether out of total allocation of Rs. 952.63 crores made towards the welfare of disabled during the 9th plan Rs. 197.89 remained unspent;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor;

(c) The total allocation made towards the welfare of disabled during the 10th plan period and amount utilized during the first two years of the said plan;

(d) Whether a large chunk of the allocation made remained unutilized; and

(e)If so, the steps taken or being taken by Government to ensure that the whole amount allocated for this purpose is utilized judiciously?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a)to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 114 for answer on 10.3.2005 put forth by Shri Dahyabhai Vallabhbhai Patel and Shri Asaduddin Owaisi, regarding `Allocation of Funds for Disabled`.

(a) & (b) The utilization of funds is measured as difference in Revised Estimates and actual expenditure. Thus, the unspent amount for disability sector for the IX Plan was Rs.35.07 crores and not Rs.197.89 crores as reported. Major reasons for non-utilisation of funds were:

a)State Governments took time to formulate projects and set up mechanism for implementation.

b)The office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCD) could be set up only by the middle of the 9th Plan due to administrative procedure involved in getting required clearances/ approvals.

(c) to (e) The total Plan outlay for the 10th Plan is Rs.1454.10 crores. During the 10th Five Year Plan, for the year 2002-03, expenditure was Rs.194.05 crores against the Revised Estimate (RE) of Rs.192.37 crore. Thus, there was slight excess expenditure.

For the Year 2003-2004, the expenditure was Rs.168.92 crores against an RE of Rs.186.25 crores. Thus, there was a shortfall of Rs.17.33 crores. The shortfall was on account of delays in receipt of utilization certificates from the NGOs and the recommendation of State Governments as well as time taken in completing procedural formalities under certain schemes.